

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A seatbelt device, comprising: having
a pretensioner configured to cooperate with ~~at least one of a lap~~ an anchor ~~and a~~
~~buckle portion;~~
wherein said pretensioner includes a connector portion, and ~~said at least one of lap~~
~~anchor portion and buckle portion comprise an~~
wherein the anchor is configured to be for being inserted into and engaged with said
connector portion; and
wherein said connector portion includes a latch mechanism for engaging said anchor
with the connector portion, and a disengagement prevention mechanism for preventing
disengagement between said connector portion and said anchor in the event that a force acts
upon said connector portion in a direction that urges disengagement of the connector portion
and the anchor.
2. (Original) The device of Claim 1, wherein said latch mechanism comprises a latch for
engaging said anchor with said connector portion and an elastic pressing member for pressing
said latch in the direction of engagement between said anchor and said connector portion.
3. (Original) The device of Claim 2, wherein said disengagement prevention mechanism
comprises an elastic prevention member for engaging with said latch and preventing said
latch from moving in the direction of disengagement of said anchor and said connector
portion.
4. (Original) The device of Claim 3, wherein said elastic pressing member and said elastic
prevention member are both formed of leaf springs.
5. (Currently Amended) [[An]] A device for protecting an occupant of a vehicle comprising:
a seatbelt;
an anchor connected to a lap belt portion of the seat belt for securing the lap belt
portion of the seat belt to the vehicle;

a pretensioner engaged with the anchor;
a first elastic member positioned and configured to urge the anchor and the pretensioner to remain engaged; and
a second elastic member positioned to prevent the pretensioner and the anchor from being disengaged when a force is applied to the seatbelt in the event that the vehicle is involved in a collision.

6. (Original) The device of Claim 5, wherein the elastic members are leaf springs.
7. (Original) The device of Claim 5, further comprising a tongue connected to the seat belt.
8. (Currently Amended) The device of Claim 7 ~~Claim 5~~, further comprising a buckle for receiving the tongue when the seat belt is worn by the occupant.
9. (Currently Amended) The device of ~~claim~~ Claim 5, further comprising a retractor for winding the seatbelt around a spool when the seatbelt is not being worn by the occupant.